



## Legion Christmas Party



The Greenbelt Post of the American Legion were 'foster fathers' to almost 100 boys and girls, whose fathers are serving away from home in the armed forces, at a Christmas party held in the Legion home Sunday. Santa Claus, in the person of Town Councilman Fred DeJager, passes out Christmas gifts to the youngsters at the height of the party. The committee in charge of the arrangements was William Phelps, Frank Riley, Edward Kayne and P. L. Bach.—Photo by O'Reilly.

## We're Dreaming Up A Green X'mas

BY ANNE HULL

Will this be your first Greenbelt Christmas? We're pretty sure it won't be a white one, but we can be wrong. One year we described in great detail a community Christmas tree lighting that never came off. Now that we're on the record that there'll be no snow, it will doubtless pile down in bucketfuls.

We invite you to enjoy a typical Maryland "green Christmas". It will be balmy enough for a walk in the woods, when you may see Christmas trees, holly and other assorted greens in their natural settings. Of course, it's too bad not to have cold crisp snow and jingling bells, but don't forget the cold crisp toes and tingling ears that go along with all that sort of thing.

Children always add to the holiday spirit, especially at Christmas time, and Greenbelt surely has them in abundance. Of course they add to the confusion and nervous tension also . . . ah . . . shall we pass on?

In peacetime many Greenbelters used to "go home to the old folks" at Christmas time. In comparison, this year, quite a few friends and relations have sifted in from other parts to spend the holiday here with us. We greet them cordially, and in conclusion wish an especially merry Christmas to: parents who will stay up late tonight; those who have suffered from 'flu and those who are going to get it; Greenbelters in camp and overseas, and also all those who got back on furlough. Merry Christmas to our few sets of twins, to Chuck, Hank and Alex Meredith, our unique set of triplets who'll soon be a year old, and to the brand new baby boy Teddy Murray just brought home. And to you, and you.

And to all a good night.

## Youngest School Fry Celebrate Christmas

The cooperative nursery school and the child care center each had a Christmas party this afternoon.

Parents were summoned by hand made invitations to the nursery school affair, where they admired the tree decorated by the children and heard the youngsters sing a Christmas song.

## Politicos Hedge On Subsidy Issue

By checking with the local Western Union representative it was learned that through this agency, at least 14 persons sent telegrams to their senators and representatives in regard to the subsidy issue. It is believed that many more sent letters and cards. Very few persons have been discovered, who have received answers from their elected representatives. Senator Millard Tydings seems to be the only Maryland delegate who has replied at all. He promises that the matter "will receive my close attention the President's hold-the-line campaign and consideration", but does not state whether he is for or against paign against rising prices.

Two years ago, in connection with another bill, Maryland Representative Lansdale Sasser wrote a Greenbelt constituent that he would "cooperate in any endeavor to prevent food profiteering and in increase in prices." His present stand remains in the dark.

One New York voter living here reports that Senator Mead came out in favor of food subsidies, in answer to her letter on the subject. She has not heard from Senator Wagner, who is chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee that is now giving the subsidy program its special consideration.

## Ask Town Funds For Traffic Man

Representatives of the transportation committee of the Citizens Association requested the town council at its meeting Monday evening to lend enough money to guarantee the sum of \$30 per week for a transportation manager's salary or \$15 each if two managers were needed. The committee is formulating plans for an organized car-sharing system.

Councilman Frank Lastner suggested that it might be better to wait until the questionnaires are circulated among residents and returned. Town Manager James T. Gobel stated he felt it would be up to the individuals using the plan to finance the manager.

The regular meeting of the council scheduled for January 3, was cancelled and the next meeting will be January 17.

## Schools Closed

The local elementary school, with 283 pupils absent because of the flu epidemic, adjourned yesterday for the annual Christmas vacation. The usual Christmas party and carol singing was postponed because of the large number of absentees.

School will resume sessions January 3.

## FPHA Places Rents on 20 Percent Of Income Basis; Set Old Minimums

### Russian Clothes Drive Success

The United Nations War Relief held a meeting last Thursday in the social room at the school and the Russian clothing drive was officially terminated with an estimated 8,000 pounds of clothing contributed. Achilles Catsonis of Greek War Relief addressed the group.

Catsonis was born in one of the most ancient historic spots in Greece and was able to give to his talk a natural flavor and interest.

The need of the Greek people for food and clothing is only too evident and the problem, the speaker indicated, lies in getting those supplies to them. Clothing at present is impractical since it must be stored until shipping space is available. Funds, however, are the most practical immediate investment and it is along this line that the national Greek War Relief agencies have been working.

Catsonis dealt somewhat with the background of the present political situation in Greece, with vivid bylines on the position of the late Prime Minister Metaxis whose previous Prussian training and dictatorial tendencies alienated Greece. These leaders formed a ted many political leaders of committee, some of whose leaders recently escaped from Nazi dominated Greece, to contact King George and the government-in-exile as to His Majesty's intended attitude after the war. Accord-mind about their political future are keeping more than an open ing to Catsonis the Greek people and King George may very well find himself in a situation comparable to that of King Peter of Yugoslavia.

It was emphasized that the people of Greece had started the road to victory, sidetracked per-

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By GLEN WILBUR  
Negotiations between Federal Public Housing Authority officials and the special committee on servicemen's rents of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association culminated in an announcement by Communiay Manager James T. Gobel of the establishment of a new policy which provides that rents of servicemen and other residents whose incomes are reduced will be established at 20 percent of the families gross income or at the old flat rental rate, which ever is higher. Under this arrangement no rents will be lower than the rents which were in existence before the establishment of the graded rent schedule last spring. This policy applies only to the occupants of the "original homes".

Quick consideration of the Citizens' Association's plea was given by officials of the FPHA and the new policy was announced within one week after discussions began.

Gratification at the FPHA's action was expressed by all concerned including Dayton W. Hull, president of the Citizens Association; Benjamin Perelzweig, chairman of the special committee and Nathan H. Schein, who conducted the successful negotiations with FPHA.

"The committee wishes to publicly express its appreciation to officials of the FPHA and Mr. Gobel for the courtesy shown it," Schein said, "and for the speed with which the problem was attacked and a solution reached."

The new policy will apply to all three Greenbelt towns, including Greenhills, Ohio and Greendale, Wis., and other communities under FPHA's direction. Schein commented, "This extension affirms the position taken by the committee that the problem of

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## Is There A Santa Claus?



This heart moving editorial, written by Frank Church of the New York Sun several years ago, has been reprinted and quoted many times. We feel that it bears repeating again, especially in these days when the full joy of Christmas may be missing from so many homes.

The editorial was written in reply to a letter from a little girl named Virginia who sadly complained that she had been told by her little friends that there wasn't any Santa Claus. She wrote that she was asking The Sun to tell her because "My Daddy says if you read it in The Sun it's true".

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist; and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance,

to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but even if they do not see Santa Claus the most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of childhood."



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## The First Story of Christmas . . .

There were shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them . . . and the glory of the Lord shone round about them . . . and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them:

"Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe, lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

---From St. Luke's Gospel.

## One Year Ago

(From the Cooperator of  
December 25, 1942)

The 1943 town budget submitted by Town Manager Roy S. Braden was unanimously adopted with only two minor changes made by the town council—January 15 was the closing date for submitting cash receipts of Greenbelt's Co-op stores—Skating at the Lake was expected to be allowed only on posted notice that ice is sufficiently thick for safety—Pick-up and delivery service was scheduled to stop after January 1.

## Five Years Ago

(From the Cooperator of  
December 22, 1938)

The big event of the year for over a thousand children took place around the festively decorated when Santa Claus himself arrived to greet them one and all—Greenbelt's first dance review, sponsored by Mrs. Shirley Land, was offered as a benefit for the Greenbelt Health Association—Bids on the cost of building the new tennis courts were opened.

## Girl Scouts Show Christmas Spirit

Amidst the bustle and pleasure of the Christmas season Girl Scout and Brownie troops have found time to plan a Christmas for others less fortunate than themselves. Mrs. Frank J. White, Sr. leader of Scout troop 18; Mrs. Shirley Levine, leader of Brownie troop 35 and Mrs. Freeland Ramsdell, leader of Brownie troop 42, have been assisting their girls in preparing gifts for six victims of leprosy living at the colony near Carville, La. The children wrapped several individual gifts for each person and then made attractive boxes to hold the articles for each one. Mrs. Hilbert O. Kurth, wrapped all six boxes together and sent them to cheer these lonely people at Christmas time, together with a shower of Christmas cards which had been made by Mrs. Levine's little Brownies.

The recipients of the gift boxes

## OUR NEIGHBORS

By JUNE WILBUR

Hello again friends. We wish you all a very happy Christmas. Edwin Welsh of 1-B Woodland Way is home on a short furlough from Pearl Harbor. He missed seeing his daughter by one day.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart of New Haven, Conn. are here for the holidays visiting with Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart, Jr. and the grandchildren.

For the eight years the George Tretter's have lived in this part of the country they have not missed a holiday season with their families in New York. This year will be no exception. George, Ruth and Stevie will have Christmas and New Year in the big city.

Frances Townsend, formerly of Greenbelt, is now a WAVE and is stationed in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plackett of Pittsburgh are here spending the Christmas season with their niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Plackett of 4-E Hillside Road. With them also for the holidays is a cousin, Fred Clark of the Royal Navy.

Ensign Frank Hale who has been studying at the Navy Indocination school at Fort Schuyler, N. W., will be here for Christmas and New Year with his family, Mrs. Hale and the three children.

Joseph Sheriff is expected home for Christmas.

Mrs. Robert Kahn and daughter has just returned from a three week visit in New York.

Frank Pumphrey of Glen Burnie, is visiting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schwab of 11-S Ridge rd. Pumphrey is a classmate of Vern Schwab at St. John's College at Annapolis.

Joseph W. Porter of 3-B Laurel Hill road, has completed his basic training at the Naval training station at Sampson N. Y. and is here on a short leave. Upon his return to Sampson, he will be eligible for further assignment which may qualify him for a petty officer rating.

We hear that Thomas Melloy of 5-G Eastway is being inducted Monday.

Private First Class Paul Crane of 2-E Parkway is home on leave.

Joseph Vella of 6-B Hillside has left for Rochester, N. Y. to join his family for the holidays. They will all be returning after the New Year.

(Editor's note—The writer of this column and friend husband, Ensign Glen Wilbur, celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary Wednesday, but she was too modest to write the item. They entertained friends at a theatre-dinner party in Washington.)

## Frozen Lake Draws Skaters

Greenbelt's first ice-skating season began last Friday and ended Tuesday at noon. Police Chief George Panagoulis reports crowds of from 300 to 400 persons, coming from "all over the county". A girl from the Ice Follies enlivened things considerably one afternoon, Panagoulis stated.

It is the business of the police department to declare whether the lake is safe for skating and to maintain an officer there at all times, besides as many guards as may be necessary. The Department of Public Works sets up the ropes marking the safety zone, provides kindling for bonfires and maintains a first aid boat.

Panagoulis says that in past years the skating crowds on the Greenbelt lake have numbered as high as 1000 persons.

Tin can collection next Wednesday. Don't forget to put the cans out along the roadside.

Make a raid on your pocket-book so that we can raid the Axis. Get your War Bonds now.

BEST WISHES

FOR A

Merry Christmas

AND

Joyful New Year

AND

Mrs. Helen Belshazy

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Navy Wives' Clubs of America

## Classified

Housekeeper Wanted—Care of five month old child. Sleep in or out. Excellent working conditions. One adult. Silagi, 6-F Research Road. GR. 6802.

LOST—four ration books and sum of money in shopping center Tuesday. Reward. W. H. Blacker, 19-A Parkway road. Telephone 6977.

Radio sets repaired by engineer in your own home. Tube shortage no drawback. Irvin M. Lee, Greenbelt 2883.

## Transportation

### Exchange

Have room for two riders. Leaving Greenbelt 8:25 a. m. Leaving Washington 6:15 p. m. Melvin Benjamin, GR. 4546.

Ride Wanted to 14th and Constitution ave. or on route to Pentagon building. Office hours 9 to 5:30. Call at 51-J Ridge Road after 8 p. m.

## The Home Front

By JUNE WILBUR

Somebody's probably going to say "you'd better stick to fashions", but here goes another deviation from the course this column generally steers on.

There are items on the agenda of our Congress which concern the plain, every-day living of each one of us. Most of us women are in the habit of leaving the puzzling and confusing issues in government to our husbands to read and think about if they have time. Since something like 85 percent of family incomes are handled by the women, it's unfortunate that such a situation continues.

At present there are issues under consideration such as subsidies, grade labeling and taxation which are as close to any of us as our pocketbooks. These will be taken up again when Congress reconvenes. This representative body will be forced to decisions of tremendous importance and they need as much help as they can get to make those decisions wise ones.

It is only when people make their wishes known that Congress can accurately decide how to vote. If you haven't time to read and learn about the pertinent issues yourself, perhaps you can pry information concerning them out of your husband at the dinner table, or pump your neighbors while waiting in line at the food store.

The other evening some of us attended a meeting of the Prince Georges County League of Women Voters and learned a good bit about the operation of the Maryland state government as well as about critical issues before Congress at the present time. It is through organizations such as this one, or your own Greenbelt Consumer Services, or through magazines or newspaper editorials which digest the news that we can learn most easily what is what on the national front.

Perhaps for the new year we can make resolutions to protect our own economic and cultural status by finding out about what important items Congress is acting on and expressing our sentiments on these issues to our representatives. Each of us is just as important a citizen as our congressmen.

## Community Church

On Sunday the regular Christmas service of the Community Church will be held. The Reverend Wilmer P. Johnston will preach on "God's Great Love and His Gift."

Under the direction of Mrs. Milton Wiksell the choir will render the following selections: "Lo, a Rose E'er Blooming"—Praetorius, "He Shall Feed His Flock" (from the Messiah)—Handel, "From Heaven on High" (Arrangement 14th Century), "The Birthday of a King"—Neitlinger, "Gesu Bambino"—Pietro A. Yon. The sermon to the junior congregation will be "The Message of the Holly."

The annual candle-light service, presented each year by the Greenbelt Community Church and Church School, has been canceled for this year on account of the flu and mumps epidemic.

The reception of members, scheduled for January 2, will be postponed until January 9.

At 9:30 a. m. the regular Church school will hold its session. Santa will be present, and because of the postponement of the afternoon pageant, will visit the various departments of the Church School.

Roy Braden, after making a short talk at the regular session of the Church School, will teach the Men's Bible Class. All members and friends of the class are asked to be present.

A nursery will be held for those who wish to leave their children while they attend the service in the main auditorium. This nursery will begin at 10:50 and be held in the southeast room on the second floor.

The Fidelis class of the Greenbelt Community Church is sponsoring a clothes exchange. Those interested in exchanging, selling or buying used clothes may contact Mrs. Paul Featherbee, 19-A Ridge Road.

## Catholic Church

Sunday Masses—7:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m., Greenbelt Theatre.

Confessions will be heard Saturday evening 7:30 to 9:30 at 17-E Ridge Road.

No confessions will be heard in Greenbelt Friday, December 24. Confessions will be heard in Berwyn on December 24.

Miraculous Medal Novena, 8 p. m. each Wednesday evening at Berwyn. Midnight Mass will be celebrated as in former years in the Greenbelt Theatre.

## Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

A special Christmas program has been arranged for the Sunday services, both at 10 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Be sure not to miss these interesting holiday meetings.

The Sunday night study group and the relief society will not meet during the holiday week. The regular schedule will be resumed the week of January 2.

A Branch party, sponsored by the Sunday School, will be held Saturday, January 1 at 8 p. m. at the home of Vernal Bennion, 6914 Dartmouth ave., College Park. A rare treat is in store for all those who attend this New Year's party.

Buy War Bonds today so that you can face your fighting sons when they come home and say, "I did my share toward victory, too."

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## G-Men Take League Feature; Others Sloppy

Three fair games marked the last Recreation League activities Thursday evening until after the Christmas holidays. Loop play will be resumed on January 6. F.B.I. pulled a minor upset when they opened the night's program with a squeaky 34-32 decision over the rugged Greenbelt Athletic Club quint. Glen Wilbur's Navy Department five had an easy time with Ben Sheldon's Yankees, coasting in by 35-23. Bill Holway's Clovers had still an easier time of it against Tom Pluto's Air Station gang, Winning by 33-12.

Director Ben Goldfaden received a basketball team roster from the local Minute Men, who desire to enter the league. Mr. Goldfaden is sorry they waited so long to decide but indicates that he will try to interest still another group and allow both teams to begin play on January 6 with the rest of the league. High scorers for last Thursday night were Pearson, Grego, L. Clay, Burt, O'Connell, Geyer, Giereman, Rabenhorst, Holloway and Conley.

FIRST GAME									
F.B.I.	G F	TG.A.C.	G F	T					
G'rman	4 0	8 Pearson	5 4	14					
Skiles	1 0	2 Sch'fer	1 0	2					
Kindler	3 1	7 Tru'ble	0 0	0					
O'Cnel	4 2	10 Rab'ost	3 2	8					
Tewell	3 1	7 Bauer	0 0	0					
		Krasnor	1 1	3					
		Marack	2 1	5					
Totals:	15 4	34	12 8	32					

SECOND GAME									
NAVY	G F	T Yankees	G F	T					
Burt	4 3	11 Sc'fld	1 2	4					
Grego	5 2	12 Surber	3 0	6					
Wilbur	0 0	0 Fearer	2 1	5					
L. Clay	6 0	12 Enzor	2 0	4					
She'rtz	0 0	0 Sheldon	2 0	4					
Totals:	15 5	35	10 3	23					

THIRD GAME									
Clovers	G F	T Airsta.	G F	T					
McD'ald	0 0	0 McEl'ny	0 0	0					
Breed	0 0	0 Peifer	1 0	2					
Mach'ky	1 0	2 Hahn	0 0	0					
Hol'way	4 0	8 Waters	0 0	0					
Conley	3 2	8 Glasgow	1 1	3					
Zerwick	2 2	6 Nelson	2 2	6					
Moore	0 0	0 Pluto	0 1	1					
Geyer	4 1	9							
Totals:	14 5	33	4 4	12					

Referee (3 games)—Mr. Clifton Cockill.  
Next games—January 6.

## Navy Wives Name Dora Thomas, President

Mrs. Dora Thomas was installed as president of the newly formed Greenbelt Navy Wives Club which has been named the Truman Riddle Navy Wives Club in honor of Lieut. Commander Truman Riddle, ChC., U.S.N., retired, who now resides in Long Beach, Calif. The club was named for the chaplain because of his interest in the enlisted man and his family.

Mrs. Edith Reed was installed as vice president and chaplain; Mrs. Mary Ellen Duncan, secretary; Mrs. Genevieve Bradley, treasurer and Mrs. Ruth Morrell, parliamentarian. The installing officer was Mrs. Helen Bolshazy, national president of the Navy Wives Clubs of America.

The local group intends to become affiliated with the national organization after the customary organization period.

The next meeting will be held January 4 in the elementary school home economics room. The members are planning to assist in the fourth war bond campaign and several other projects.

Mrs. Eunice Deardof was named head of the welfare committee; Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, social and Mrs. Jeanne Van Note, publicity.

## New Babies

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schreiber of 10-J Southway are the parents of a seven and a half pound son, Andrew Morris Schreiber, born December 14 at the Leland Memorial Hospital.

### GREENBELT ATHLETIC CLUB NEWS

DANCE TOMORROW NIGHT  
Music via Loud Speaker  
SOCIAL FUNCTION  
NEXT WEDNESDAY

Turn out and have a good time

MONTHLY DANCE FOR DECEMBER POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY, JANUARY 1.

## Poco At Bat

Greenbelt, Md.  
December 24, 1943

Dear Santa Claus,

We don't want to ask you for so much for ourselves but we'd like you to be extra kind to all our boys over there; we've so many brothers, sons and dads mixed up in that necessarily terrible business. Our three little brothers are pretty well involved in that exterminating work, Joe and Bal and Jack.

Joe is an Ensign in our amphibious landing forces, a veteran already of Sicily and Salerno bay invasions. Remember Santa, you're due to bring him a most joyful present though he have no way of knowing when he'll come home to enjoy it. He and his wife, Sally, are expecting their firstborn on Christmas day.

Now Bal and Jack are in this country. A year ago they were away. Captain Bal B. Moore of the Army Air Corps tagged the Japs in the Bismarck Sea, Lae, Rabaul, etc. while Aviation Chief Machinist Mate Jack T. Moore was on the prow at Midway, Coral Sea and Guadalcanal. It is nice indeed, Santa, that they can be home this Christmas.

Both boys have merited honors from their country and wear chestfulls of ribbons. (Excuse us please sir, if we seem too proud of our little brothers, Santa.) Bal, former commander of a squad of B-26s and presently teaching fledgelings at Lake Charles, La., is waiting with his chic little wife the arrival next spring of their first baby. Ivis is his sweetheart of cadet days at Randolph Field, Texas. Remember, Santa, Bal was born in the Moore family's wandering saga at San Angelo, Texas.

Jack met his bride in the Navy! He married a cute little Store Keeper 2-c by the name of Parri Lee early this month at Miami. Bal had secured a B-26 to fly Jack to Miami for his marriage. Parri Lee will rejoin her husband, with your permission Santa, on Christmas. Jack, wearer of combat crew member wings, is working hard to earn Navy pilot wings and commission as Ensign at school in Natchitoches, La. His little Wave wife will help him with his studying.

Be good to our brothers, Santa, and make an extra special Merry Christmas for all of Greenbelt's service men and women.

Respectfully,  
Poco

—oOo—  
We acknowledge Christmas cards from: Air Cadet Lynn Buck, Gunnery Sergeant Leroy Clark, SeaBee "Bee" Sommers, Pvt. Robert "Mook" Sommers, Corporal Jim Sommers, Sergeant Charles "Bootie" McQuinn, Aviation Machinist Mate 2-c Julie Andrus, Lt. Vince Holochwest, Second Lieut. Tommy Poston, Air Cadet Pete Labukas and Lt. (j. g.) Curt Barker. A very merry Christmas right back at you fellows.

—oOo—  
Bill "Wimpy" Dodson is home for a three week holiday session. He has been getting a big dose of basketball at the University of North Carolina.

—oOo—  
Officer Johnny Belton has been patrolling a beat on ice skates! He has been on duty at the lake since last Friday night when the skating spree started. Large crowds of hilarious ice enthusiasts have enjoyed themselves at Greenbelt's man made lake.

## Rents

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servicemen's rents is one of national significance rather than one of purely local importance."

Rapid induction of Greenbelt fathers brought the problem of providing for their families to the fore at the November meeting of the Citizens' Association.

Other members of the special committee, many of whom are about to report for military service are Joseph P. Vella, Wayne A. Roberts, Thomas E. Melloy, Ira Solet, John Bacigalupi, Sherrod East, William Turner and Jacob Schaeffer.

Gobbel said that FPHA had the matter of reducing rents to servicemen's families under consideration previous to the action of the local committee.

He said the new program will be effective immediately.

Rose Goldstein is convalescing at the home of relatives in New York after a successful operation. She is anxious to receive mail with news about her Greenbelt friends. The address is care of Wiskin, 18 East 21st st., Brooklyn, 26, N. Y.

## Our High School Girls Take 30-24 Win at Md. Park

By BILL MOORE

Coach Helena Knauer's fast moving Greenbelt High School Grizzlettes invaded the lair of a good, determined Maryland Park sextet last Tuesday evening and led their hostesses all the way to return home a 30 to 24 victor. Height of the Maryland Park lassies gave our kids a rough time of it but the Green and White speed, dexterity and general class prevailed.

Miss Knauer's guards were having a terrible time of it with their opponent's tall forwards and committed foul after foul trying to take the ball from higher hands than theirs. Jane Jones and Marion Ball were right in there all the time and were at the point of ejection while Patty Bell, playing equally well at roving guard, escaped the chagrin of giving away free shots by fouls.

The work of Greenbelt's forwards was pretty to see. They took command of the ball by clean handling and accurate passes and wasted scarcely half a dozen shots at the basket all evening. Scoring was more evenly divided between Betty Ann Dickson and Ora Donoghue than usual. Pass play between the pair with assistance from Betty Simcoe and Lucy Forrester resulted in a pleasing number of snowbirds and lay-up shots that totaled 12 points for Miss Dickson and 15 for Miss Donoghue.

The game was closely played throughout and was ably handled by Mr. Paul Bigbee. Tribute to Greenbelt guarding is the fact that Maryland Park's high scoring ace, Miss Haley, was held to 5 points all night. Pent up emotions from a fast, hard, but losing game for the Parkers resulted in a casualty at the finish when Miss DeGrasse fainted.

A goodly number of Greenbelt fans were on hand at the game to vocally support the Grizzlettes. Their number was smaller than the host school but cheering was equally loud.

Gr'nbelt	G F	TM. Park	G F	T
Dickson	5 2	12 DeG'sse	0 1	1
Simcoe	1 0	2 Pearie	2 2	6
For'ter	0 1	1 Oswald	4 0	8
Don'hue	7 1	15 Todd	0 0	0
Ball	0 0	0 Haley	1 3	5
Dav'son	0 0	0 Gibbs	2 0	4
Jones	0 0	0 Nelson	0 0	0
Linh'dt	0 0	0 Nutting	0 0	0
Bell	0 0	0 Lunsf'd	0 0	0
		Fudge	0 0	0
		Burns	0 0	0
Totals:	13 4	30	9 6	24

Score at each quarter:  
Grizzlettes 5 14 25 30  
Maryland Park 4 11 17 24

Referee—Mr. Paul W. Bigbee. Scorer—Miss Ellen Gussio. Time-keeper—Miss Jinny Hazell. Next girls' game—Greenbelt vs Holy Cross girls at 3:30 the afternoon of January 6.

## Eshbaugh Heads G. C. S. Committee

George M. Eshbaugh is the newly elected chairman of the grievance committee, recently set up by the GCS board of directors. Eshbaugh was elected to this position at the first meeting of the board after the elections held November 24 at which time Eshbaugh was elected as a board member. In an earlier edition of the COOPERATOR the procedure of the grievance committee was described. Forms may be obtained at the stores and should be completed and either dropped in the box provided in the stores or mailed to the grievance committee in care of the G.C.S. office or to George M. Eshbaugh, 33-M Ridge Road.

## Plan Co-op Lecture

Professor H. Naylor Fitzhugh, of the economics department of Howard University will lecture at Greenbelt Sunday, January 3. Prof. Fitzhugh will speak on understanding and interpreting financial reports and statements, with a view to aiding the members of G.C.S. cooperative in participating in the annual meeting in February.

The lecture is being held as a part of the course on consumer cooperation which meets every Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6. The chairman of the G.C.S. Education committee expects a large attendance of the committee members.

Members of G.C.S. are invited to this open meeting. The lecture will be held at 4 o'clock in the lobby over the drug store.

## Eagles and Cor Del Maintain Hot Pace

The Redskins went on the war-path as they shut out the Minute Men three to nothing to capture third place while the American Legion was dropping two games to the Corner Dels. Andestad's 129-333 was tops for the 'Skins. The commandos applied the white wash brush to the Vitamen 3-0 as Vern Iseli turned on the heat with his 130-360. The Triggermen copped three from the Tenderfeet. The Eagles had too much on the ball for Snafu as they defeated the Navy boys two to one. Ed Cartier's 128-346 was the best effort for the Birds. Corner Delicatessen remained tied with the Eagles as they pinned the American Legion two to one. Al Bowman's 132-330 was tops for the Sandersmen, with Frank Lastner's 142-342 topping the Legionnaires. The Scorpions topped Co-op two to one, with Bob Dove's 128-342 being the major factor. Yankees had it on the Defenders 2 to one, as MacEwen set the pace with his 135-352. Paradise Lane nosed out the Police and Firemen two to one. Individual honors were shared by Les Olson who set a new flat game mark of 98 and Frank Lastner with his 142 game and Bob Dave's 362 set.

Eagles and Corner Delicatessen battle it out for first place as they roll each other next week and also battle for the turkeys.

	W L	Pinfall
Corner Del.	30 12	21,693
Eagles	30 12	21,293
Redskins	26 16	21,120
American Legion	25 17	21,892
Commandos	24 18	21,469
Yankees	21 21	21,697
Snafu	21 21	20,960
Co-op	21 21	20,960
Scorpions	21 21	19,900
Triggermen	20 22	20,269
Defenders	20 22	19,603
Minute Men	18 24	19,503
Paradise Lane	16 26	20,167
Tenderfeet	16 26	18,757
Vitamen	15 27	20,960
Police & Firemen	12 30	19,461

High team set—American Legion 1685, Vitamen 1683

High individual set—R. Bowman 398, Sansone 392.

High individual game—Olson 162, Iseldi 160.

High flat game—Olson 98.

High strikes—Andestad 28, Eilen 25, R. Bowman 25, Iseli 25.

High spares—R. Bowman 104, MacEwen 98.

High individual averages: MacEwen 112-8, R. Bowman 111-15, A. Bowman 109-12, Iseli 109-2, Lastner 109, Sansone 108-29, Taylor 107-24, Olson 107-19.

## Xmas Deliveries

## If Necessary

Postmaster Geo. Bryant states that deliveries will be made Christmas Day if there are still letters and packages left to distribute. He sincerely hopes this will not be necessary, however.

Bryant has hired about 20 assistant clerks and carriers, on and off to help him through the annual Christmas flurry, and he and his staff have been working overtime and Sundays for the past three weeks.

As far as the postoffice is concerned, the real Christmas rush began Monday, December 13. Last Monday was also "very busy".

## Name Whiteford Red Cross Head

H. Clay Whiteford of Hyattsville has been renamed chairman of the Prince Georges County Red Cross War Fund campaign to begin next spring, it was announced by John R. Fletcher, chairman of the county chapter of the Red Cross.

Mr. Whiteford has been chairman of the drive for the past three years and headed the campaign last year that produced twice the county's quota.

## UFWA Urge Subsidies

Last weekend the Greenbelt Branch of the United Federal Workers of America, CIO Women's Auxiliary, set up a postcard table in the food store to enable Greenbelters to contact their Congressmen on the anti-subsidy bill in the easiest manner.

Postcards were on hand and 75 persons took time from their shopping to add their names to the list of voters who want to see the anti-subsidy bill defeated.

## Granahans Are An Artistic Team

David and Lolita Granahan of 10-J Plateau Place are an Irish-Scandinavian artistic team that is well-known both nationally and in Minnesota, their home state. Books they have illustrated include Walter Havighurst's "The Upper Mississippi", one of the Rivers of America series, "100 Best Stories of Minnesota", "The American People" by William Hamm, Elliott Arnold's "Story of Sibelius" and "Who Wants an Apple?" a child's story written by Quail Hawkins. David plans the compositions for the pictures and does the original rough draft, while Lolita designs, authenticates and fills in the details.

They started working together before they were married, when a coveted traveling fellowship from the Minneapolis School of Art was divided between them, as the judges could not determine which was the superior artist of the two. Lolita Wadman, who hailed from Minneapolis, and David Granahan, of St. Cloud, thereupon started out on a triumphal tour of art centers abroad, sketching, studying and sending back regular reports to the school. They spent several weeks in London's famous National Gallery where they were fascinated by the collection of Chinese, Japanese and Persian prints. One can spot occasional Oriental influences in their subsequent work. They next visited the Hague, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Bruges, then took a trip through Italy.

Upon their return they did post graduate work at the Minneapolis School of Art, while David also studied at the Chicago Art Institute. As a married couple, maintaining their own studio in Minneapolis, they competed for and won a contest open to Wisconsin and Minnesota artists to design murals for the Rochester, Minn., post office. This success was followed by a commission to execute murals for the post offices at St. Cloud and Hopkins, Minnesota. The Rochester murals depict scenes from the early history of the place. At St. Cloud the Granahans made a study of the local granite industry, and at Hopkins they featured the raspberry farms for which the locality is famous. In 1937 they designed the "Gateway Murals" for the Bureau of Information in Minneapolis. These concerned the trucking industry, and as the truckers obligingly went on strike at about this time, the murals received an extraordinary amount of attention, and were written up in the Survey Graphic in connection with the strike.

Lolita covered herself with glory by winning a water color Fair, during this period, while contest at the Minneapolis State David designed a bond selling poster that won second place in a national competition.

In 1938 David took a position with the Education and Information Section of the Department of Agriculture and put his fine craftsmanship to work designing dioramas and other special types displays illustrating the need for conservation, fire-prevention, how to burn a brush field correctly and so on. The Granahans closed their Minneapolis studio and moved to London, Kentucky, when David transferred to the Forestry Service. He was assigned to give specialized training to the resettled hill people of Sublimity, Kentucky, a Resettlement Administration project. His outfit moved to Washington in 1941, and David is currently assigned to the War Department.

Lolita carries on her art work at home, despite, between and around a houseful of three active boys. "I'm a quiet person," she says patiently, "And I don't know how I came to have such ram-bunctious offspring." Their home is filled with evidences that the Granahans turn their talents to practical use.

At last report Lolita was getting into the mail six new illustrations for a revised "Upper Mississippi", and also painting chimneys for hurricane lights and bases with gay peasant motifs for mas list.

## Russian Clothes

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haps for a short time, by beating back Italians and Germans on two separate and amazingly victorious occasions, thus supplying a delaying action which may well have enabled the recent Allied successes to be attained.



## From Halls of GHS

By MARILYN MARYN

The present flu epidemic seems to be decreasing as far as the high school goes and activities are resuming again. Club meetings which were postponed the week before last met Tuesday afternoon and both boys and girls basketball teams held practices this week. The absentee list is also declining at school.

The senior ball will be held Saturday, January 8, in the elementary school auditorium from 9 to 12 p. m. Miss Gay Lou Ingraham who is in charge of securing an orchestra announced that one of Jack Morton's orchestras will provide the music. Miss Betty Dickson is head of the committee, which is composed of Buddy Miller, invitations; Miss Anne Childress, refreshments and Miss Ora Donahue, decorations. All alumni, juniors and seniors are invited to attend.

The monthly P.T.A. meeting which was scheduled for last Tuesday night was called off due to the flu epidemic. These meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month and all parents are urged to attend.

The physical education department recently issued personal health cards to be filled out by each student. These cards include important data concerning each pupil and will be used in determining just what physical remedial instruction each student needs. Also a new gym program is starting. Each student must perform a certain number of stunts and is timed for them. These stunts will be given again in February to determine the progress each pupil has made.

A Christmas program was held in school yesterday afternoon. The Sophomore class presented a play, "The Magic Gift" to the entire school in three assemblies. A group of singers from the glee club sang carols through the halls of the school. Each home room had a party and the students exchanged gifts. School was dismissed at 1 and will start again January 3.

## Legion Council To Raise Honor Flag

The Prince Georges County Council of the American Legion has enacted a resolution to dedicate an honor flag at the War Memorial Cross in Bladensburg the Sunday before Memorial Day, 1944.

A committee has been appointed headed by Samuel Harvey, Hyattsville. Other members of the committee are Col. Caesar Aiello of Hyattsville; Wm. G. Brooks, Upper Marlboro; Joseph C. Bozeman, Mt. Rainier; Louis Kintz, Colmar Manor; Duke Tayman, Raymond C. Burke, Seat Pleasant; Thomas R. Freeman, Greenbelt; Vinton Cockey, Laurel; Aaron Horwiz, Bowie and Arthur Chinn, Riverdale.

The committee will hold an early meeting to prepare plans and to select an honorary committee.

Each organization in the county will be asked to aid in compiling the names of those in the armed services. It is expected to hold a parade to entertain high state and national government officials.

## Medical Society Elects

The Prince Georges Medical Society held elections on December 11 and chose for the coming year: President, Dr. Aaron Deitz, of Hyattsville; vice president, Dr. Thomas Christensen, of College Heights; secretary, Dr. John Maloney of Cheverly.

## CHRISTMAS SEALS



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## MacGregor Pinch Hits For Community Santa

The community Santa Claus gathering had to be cancelled, but landscaper MacGregor helped dispel the disappointment by rounding up a grand collection of Christmas trees for the school kids. A beautiful cone-bearing specimen of Maryland pine was delivered to each room, both at the center and north end schools. MacGregor and his crew also visited the child care center and the cooperative nursery school. The high school received one large tree. An armful of Christmas greens accompanied each tree.

## Plan Legion Party

The American Legion post will hold a New Year's eve party and barn dance Friday evening, December 31 in the Legion home. The party will get underway at 9 p. m. and all Legionnaires, their wives and servicemen and their friends are invited to attend.

## Local Canteen Aids Blood Donors

Four members of the Greenbelt Canteen substituted for the Cheverly unit in serving refreshments to blood donors at Suitland last Friday. So many members of the Cheverly Canteen had been stricken with influenza that it was not possible for them to serve at Suitland as they usually do. Mrs. D. J. Neff, chairman of the local canteen, reported that 131 pints of blood were given at Suitland. That meant a full days work for the seven in the morning and return-Canteen women who left here at 5 at five that evening.

## G. C. A. New Year's Ball

Holiday festivities for local pleasure-seekers will be provided by the gala New Year's ball to be presented by the Citizens Association Friday, December 31 in the auditorium of the elementary school. Van Camp's Cavaliers will provide the music.

## Flu Situation No Better

Despite reports from Washington that the influenza epidemic in the District is clearing up, Dr. John M. Byers, director of the County Department of Health, said yesterday he sees little change in the situation here.

"We are still getting reports of influenza cases from every section", Dr. Byers said, "and the peak of the epidemic does not appear to have been reached. I can only emphasize once more the necessity of getting to bed at the first opportunity when the disease strikes; keep warm, drink plenty of liquids, and if the fever does not reduce in three days, call a physician at once as there may be danger from pneumonia".

The new General Hospital at Cheverly is urgently in need of housekeepers, dieticians and domestic help, Dr. Kirk Besley, superintendent, declared yesterday. Persons interested in this type of work should contact Dr. Besley at UN. 3300.

BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS

## State Flag Given To New Hospital By State Guard

With appropriate ceremonies, a beautiful Maryland Flag was presented the Prince Georges General Hospital at Cheverly on Sunday, and raised to the top of the flagpole.

The emblem was the gift of Company D, 9th Battalion, Maryland State Guard, whose commanding officer, Capt. Kirk Besley, has been appointed superintendent of the hospital.

Lt. Col. Caesar Aiello, commanding officer of the 9th Battalion, presented the flag to William A. Carson, chairman of the board of directors of the hospital.

A United States Flag is still needed at the hospital, and the suggestion was made that some patriotic organization might want to make a donation of the National Emblem.

# Christmas Greetings

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